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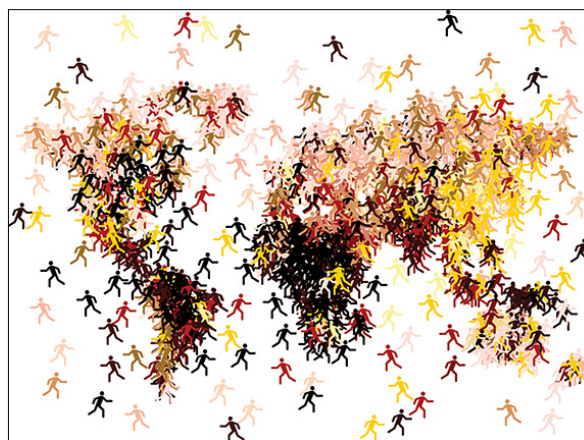
## Examining Migration as a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Tool of Political Warfare



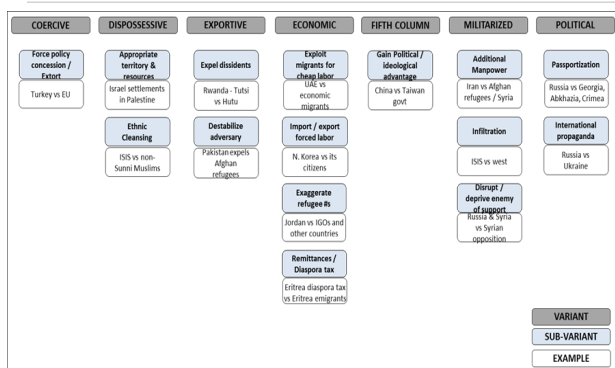
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### Background, Question, Argument

- **BACKGROUND** - Globalization is diffusing international power and blurring dichotomy between war & peace. Entities will search for alternative methods to achieve objectives
- **QUESTION** - How do state and non-state actors make use of human migration as a means to achieve political, economic, or military objectives?
- **WHY IT MATTERS** - Ability to map trends & identify conditions necessary to weaponize migration will enable military & other IA elements to develop counter-measures and mitigate vulnerabilities



<http://www.movingpeoplechangingplaces.org/key-concepts/migration.html>



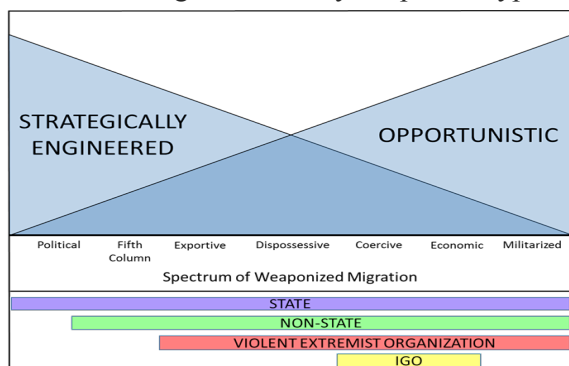
Weaponized Migration Typology

### Research Design

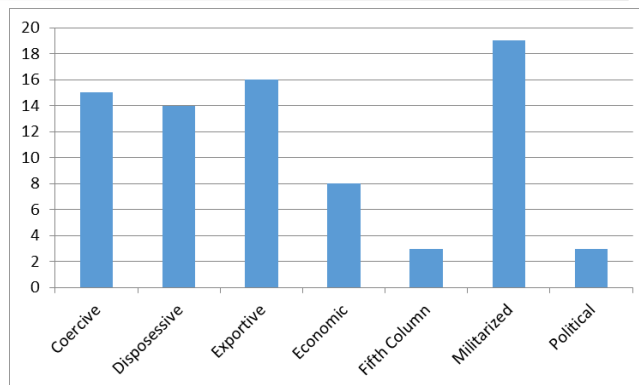
- **ARGUMENT** - Human migration is becoming a viable weapon in the arsenal of many state and non-state actors pursuing unconventional means to increase regional influence and achieve their varied objectives
- **PROCESS** - (1) Identify all cases of weaponized migration in last decade (2) Develop Typology (3) Typological analysis of case studies / Game Theory

### Results

- Weaponized Migration occurred in 48 cases from 2007-2016
- Most cases use multiple variables simultaneously (non-mutually exclusive)
- Type of government/entity plays large part in determining vulnerability to specific types



Spectrum of Weaponized Migration



Weaponized Migration Cases (2007-2016)

### Next Steps

- Take appropriate steps to protect against vulnerabilities
- Incorporate weaponized migration into US strategy

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